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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7059

BILL NUMBER: HB 1266

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Explanation to Voters of Provisional Ballots.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Avery

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires a precinct election officer, in the case of a voter who casts a provisional ballot, or an absentee voter board, in the case of a voter who casts an absentee ballot that is treated as a provisional ballot, to provide both orally and in writing an explanation of the steps the voter must take in order to have the voter's ballot counted. The bill requires the Election Commission (EC) to prescribe the form of the explanation.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The EC would be able to prescribe an explanation form within the course of a regular business meeting. If completely accessible electronically the Election Division (ED) would have minimal, if any, expenditures from printing the explanation form.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This provision should minimally impact precinct or absentee voter board expenditures.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Election Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Precincts, absentee voter boards.

Information Sources:

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